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1. The military post at Susice is being reinforced to be a major garrison. During the period 15-20 October 1950, the 33rd Inf Regt from Cheb and the 46th Inf Regt from As were transferred to Susice. The arrival of a tank unit is expected, and a leather factory located on the northern side of the town is being prepared as barracks for this unit. Other buildings recently requisitioned by the army are:

Notre Dame Cloisters	Divisional Hqs of the 4th Stn Inf Div
Jr College Gymnasium	Infantry unit
Fuchs' villa	Billet for a Soviet guards colonel
Pod Strazi Hotel	
Capuchin Cloister	Infantry unit
Brick factory	School range
Church farm, Corvens Dvorce	Army depot
Farming school building	Was formerly Divisional Hqs
Health Insurance Co. building	

2. The transfer of the 33rd and 46th Inf Regts may have been made for the following reasons:
  - a. To reinforce units in southern Bohemia for concentration against Austria.
  - b. To group formations in the operationally vital Vseruby Pass area.
  - c. To reorganize the 46th Inf Regt or incorporate it into another unit.

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3. A horse-drawn field artillery unit, believed to be the 2nd Bn of the 10th FA Regt of the 4th Mtn Div, has arrived in Kasperske Hory and now occupies the quarters recently vacated by the SMD training center. A new artillery field range is to be constructed at Boubin near Vimperk, and several villages have already been evacuated. In Vimperk, the local barracks are being enlarged.
4. On 10 October 1950, a tank unit arrived in Sokolov (H51/P50) and was billeted in a local castle. A unit consisting of about 400 men arrived in Jindrichovice (H51/P49) on 18 October 1950 and was quartered in the Hostitz castle, formerly occupied by Greek children. Although the unit has not yet been identified, it is believed to be an artillery battalion.
5. The 101st Arty Mortar Regt, Unit No. 4602, is located at Louny. The Repl Bn of the 101st is also located there, but the 9th Inf Repl Bn and its mobilization warehouses were transferred from Louny to Host. Some of the staff members of the 101st Arty Regt are as follows:

CO	Col. Josef Topinka, aged 55.
Chief of Staff	Staff Capt. Jezek, aged 40.
OZ Officer	Staff Capt. Vopata.
CO of Signal Btry	Staff Capt. Jeza Smidt, a non-Communist.
CO of 3rd Bn	Staff Capt. Imrich Hrabovecky, a non-Communist.

6. The Mortar Bn consists of two batteries, each having four mortars. The total mortar regimental equipment is as follows:

- 100 mortars (120 mm Soviet make)\*
- 100 MGs and LMGs
- 2000 rifles
- 30 trucks
- 10 cars

7. The equipment of the Signal Btry consists of:

- 300 transceivers (200 - 300 km range)
- 100 telephone sets

8. In Horazdovice a cloister was requisitioned by the army and about 3,000 men were moved in. In the same town a grain storage building has been converted into an army warehouse.
9. The Army Geographical Institute was allegedly transferred from Prague to Banska Bystrica, probably to the VI Army Corps building on the Hron river.

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Comment: Normally 36 mortars form the equipment of a mortar regiment. If 100 mortars really were issued to this regiment, it may indicate that in case of mobilization the regiment will be split into three regiments.

- Attachments: 1. Sketch showing location of 4th Mtn Div and military units in Susice, with legend.
2. Sketch showing location of infantry units at Jindrichovice.
3. Sketch showing barracks at Sokolov, with legend.

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